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Council President Pro Tem Jim Madaffer Asks Navajo Community to Take Safeguards Against Home Burglaries

With eleven home burglaries taking place in the Navajo area in the last 30 days, Council President Pro Tem Jim Madaffer is warning residents about this occurring crime and urging them to take precautionary steps. The burglaries began on April 17th and took place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when residents typically are not at home. There were seven burglaries in Del Cerro and four in Allied Gardens. The San Diego Police Department is investigating these burglaries to see if the same people burglarizing Del Cerro are also burglarizing Allied Gardens.

"We are doing all that we can to stop these burglaries and to ensure that the communities of the Navajo area continue to be a safe place. We have strong Neighborhood Watch programs in place and encourage residents to continue being ever vigilant in their neighborhood," said Council President Pro Tem Jim Madaffer.

The San Diego Police Department said that the homes have been entered through a rear back window or slider. Money, jewelry, computers and firearms were taken from the burglarized homes. It is recommended that residents lock their windows (even second story windows), doors and sliders and make sure window and door screens are secured. Also pet doors should be secured if possible. Gates should be locked and the area outside the house should be clearly visible. Immediately report any suspicious activity by calling 911 and telling the dispatcher that there have been numerous burglaries in this area. For additional information or questions about this investigation, contact the San Diego Police Department: Detective Brad Elow, who is investigating these burglaries, at (858) 495-7947 or Christina Burhans, the Community Relations Officer, at (858) 495-7943.

Council President Pro Tem Madaffer said many neighborhoods in the Navajo area have Neighborhood Watch Programs. However, for those who do not he urged residents to establish this vital program in order to help keep our neighborhoods safe. For additional information on establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program please contact Brenda Clark, the Police Department's Community Service Officer at (619) 668-2723.

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